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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against George Oyakhire and Leatha Taylor. The indictment charges George Oyakhire with conspiracy to commit an offense to defraud the U.S. by impersonating and conspiring to impersonate an employee of the United States, false statements, and false statements in application and use of a passport. The indictment charges Leatha Taylor with conspiracy to commit an offense to defraud the United States by impersonating and conspiring to impersonate an employee of the United States, and false statements.

The indictment charges that George Oyakhire was ordered to voluntarily depart the Untied States, but instead remained under a new identity. He enlisted the aid of Leatha Taylor, who impersonated a Social Security Administration employee and requested that his social security number be changed on his academic record.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
George Oyakhire	Philadelphia, PA	49
Leatha Taylor	Philadelphia, PA	56

If convicted defendant Oyakhire faces a maximum possible sentence of 23 years imprisonment. Defendant Taylor faces a maximum possible sentence of 13 years imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Theresa A. Casey

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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